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Staff meeting.

I went over to the White House with Harold Linder to see John Steelman about the Tariff Commission's study on wool duties. Dr. Steelman seemed to agree that from the standpoint of foreign policy and for other reasons the procedures suggested by the Department of Agriculture would be unsatisfactory. He is going to look further into this matter.

John Cabot, Ambassador-designate to Pakistan, came to see me. He tells me [redacted] his father, whom I used to know, is now 92, in excellent health, and goes every day except Sundays to his office in Boston.

Mr. Hart and others from NEA met with me to discuss the Buraimi situation. King Ibn Saud and the British are at odds over this desert territory which contains several small oases. The British have been permitting RAF planes to buzz around the villages and the King of Saudi Arabia accuses the British Government of having been provocative in other particulars. To complicate the matter further, the Sultan of Muscat has intervened, with British backing. Our Ambassador in Saudi Arabia, "Red" Hare, wants us to make strong representations to the British Government saying [redacted] we do not want to do what Ibn Saud wishes, namely, to act as mediators in the dispute, nor do we wish the matter referred to the Security Council. We should, however, advise the British that we think it would be ~~[redacted] desirable if they would~~ immediately resume the negotiations, broken off many months ago, with Ibn Saud in regard to this dispute. They should ~~also have the RAF~~ activities brought to a halt and make ~~[redacted]~~ other amicable gestures.

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Paul Winkler, the Editor of Samedi Soir, called on me. He is returning to France this weekend. As he has not been there for quite a long time he had no news of the present political situation in France.

The Netherlands Ambassador came to see me, and I had with me Messrs. Metzger and McClelland. He wished to protest any attempt in the oil cartel case to subpoena documents of the Royal Dutch Shell Company. He says this affair has resulted in a suspension of the promising negotiations between Royal Dutch Shell and the Indonesian Government for the return of the former's properties in Indonesia. The whole thing constitutes a grave threat to our foreign policy aims. It is shot through with domestic politics, and in my opinion is a great mistake.

Messrs. Hart and Bonbright joined me in a conference with Sir Oliver Franks and his Minister, Mr. Burrows, in which we discussed the Buraimi situation.

Ed Martin came to see me in advance of a meeting, which I later attended with him and about a dozen others, to discuss the presentation of the Point IV budget to MSA and the Budget Bureau. The various parties involved are divided into two camps, which in turn are separated by a gulf of around $120 million as to the amount which should be requested. I have accumulated the necessary data and we shall have to take it up again tomorrow.

Joey and Herbert Elliston came to dinner with us. They have just returned from New Hampshire and his health seems vastly improved. He is allowed to go to the Washington Post Office for an hour a day, but

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I do not think he is paying much attention to the limitation since he said he had been at the office for six hours on the first day.

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